

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the originally-filed specification, as shown below.

ABSTRACT

An inkjet printer for printing ink onto a print medium includes a head carrier detachably-mounted to a print head having a plurality of ink nozzles, a head carrier control circuit and a print head control circuit. The head carrier control circuit is communicatively-coupled to the head carrier. The head carrier control circuit provides means for driving said print head in a shift direction that is substantially perpendicular to a feeding direction of the print medium. The print head control circuit is communicatively-coupled to the print head. The head carrier control circuit and the print head control circuit provide means for preventing one or more of the plurality of ink nozzles from becoming clogged by selectively utilizing a first portion of the plurality of ink nozzles for printing the ink on the print medium, moving said print head in the shift direction that is substantially perpendicular to the feeding direction of the print medium, and selectively utilizing a second portion of the plurality of ink nozzles that is different from said first portion of the plurality of ink nozzles for printing the ink on the print medium.